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# Autism Awareness & Fire Prevention February 27 & 28, 2012

# **Autism Awareness for First Responders**

Captain William A. Cannata, Jr. Westwood, MA Fire Department

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is the world's fastest-growing neurobiological condition. People with ASD are more likely to need 911 services, and if responders don't understand ASD, these can be very high-risk calls. In this workshop, you'll find out why.

Cannata will discuss ASD growth rate, characteristics, communication patterns, behavioral symptoms, sensory issues and practical tips on responding to an emergency involving a person with ASD. Attendees will learn to develop relationships with the autism community and help families prepare for 911 emergencies. He'll discuss model programs, fire and life safety education and disaster preparedness for people with ASD.



Bill Cannata has been in the fire service for 33 years, a fire academy instructor for 15 years, and is currently a Captain with the Westwood, Mass. FD. The parent of a child with ASD, Bill has trained responders on this topic in 11 states and Australia.

### It Takes More Than Plastic Fire Helmets

Daniel Byrne—Firefighter/Paramedic Burton Fire District, South Carolina

Changing behavior and influencing attitudes requires more than a few brochures and some plastic fire helmets. This presentation is designed to help you rethink your approach to fire-prevention education.

Topics include creating a true "prevention first" culture in your department, developing a comprehensive, dynamic fire prevention program, targeting audiences to maximize effectiveness, forming effective messages and working more closely with your community and the media.



Daniel Byrne is the Community Support Officer for the Burton, SC Fire District, a paramedic and a Technical Sergeant with the Georgia Air National Guard's Fire Protection Division.

A third-generation firefighter and NFA alumni with more than 20 years in emergency services, Byrne has conducted public relations programs for

more than 17 years. He holds a BS in Fire Science, teaches Fire Instructor II and Fire & Life Safety Educator I and has received state and local awards for his educational programs. Byrne has published articles on fire prevention, education and public relations in Firehouse Magazine and Firehouse.com.

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## **REGISTRATION FORM**

Participant's name:	
Department/Agency:	
Phone number:	
Email address:	
Monday, February 27, 2012	
Please select one of t	the two sessions listed below
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Tuesday, February 28, 2012	
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	: Erin Petersen—Minnesota Safety Council
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Please mark the sessions you plan to attend and return the completed form to:

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